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REMARKS

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1. On 16 July 1953, 2 large tents, 5 field kitchens and 25 KVP trucks were in the barracks yard of the former Alexander-Kaserne on Marx-Planck-Strasse, East Berlin. One of the tents apparently was a medical tent. Only eight trucks except the field kitchens and the two tents were still there on 17 July.
2. In the morning on 20 July, the park in Friedrichsfelde east of Treskow-Allee across from the athletic field was occupied by a new unit. A new gate guard by KVP sentries was at the entrance. A total of 13 camouflaged armored vehicles and an undetermined number of small vehicles was parked in the area. There were no movements.
3. From 18 to 20 July, there was intensive VP and KVP patrol activity in East Berlin. The KVP units which guarded the sector boundaries in Treptow and Baumshulenberg were quartered in schools, e.g., in a school on Borsche-Strasse close to the areas of their employment. Four field kitchens which together with the kitchen in the VP headquarters continuously catered to units of the VP parking lot close to the VP headquarters on Neub-Koenigs-Strasse. KVP vehicles lettered G were seen there for the first time. Especially large KVP details were seen on the lake in Weissensee. Heavy traffic of truck-laying vehicles was noticed in Oberschoeneweide at night. A large number of buses occupied by VP and KVP officers were seen in day time.
4. On 21 July, a large KVP tent camp was seen in the Friedrichsfelde Schlosspark. Twenty rows each of 10-man house-tents were seen in the northern section of the park. Since part of the tents could not be seen because of the settlement, source estimated that the actual number of tents was about double the number seen. The tent camp quartered an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 VPs. Officers seen there wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and the personnel wore crimson-bordered epaulets the color of their uniforms. Source believed that this area which stretched from Wilhelm Strasse in the north along the whole width of the park toward south as far as Uppstaller Weg had only recently been occupied. A sentry at the main approach road still performed traffic control for arriving motor vehicles. An outpost of about nine VPs who wore red-bordered epaulets and a sentry in a tree about 100 meters further to the east were seen in the park in line with Uppstaller Weg.

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5. A large number of personnel who wore red-bordered epaulets entered and left the camp during the period of observation. One senior lieutenant and one lieutenant seen there wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and another lieutenant wore blue epaulets. There was intensive traffic of motor vehicles which either arrived or, apparently, came from supply depots. [REDACTED] 25X1

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6. At about 11 a.m. on 21 July, 24 trucks each occupied by about 30 KVPs and 3 command cars each occupied by about 10 VPs entered the yard of the Friedrich Karl Kaserne close to the Friedrich Strasse railroad station north of the elevated railroad. Five field kitchens were in operation in the yard. 1 25X1

7. [REDACTED]

8. On 21 and 22 July, a large number of KVPs patrolled at public buildings and along the sector boundaries in East Berlin. Eleven KVPs equipped with field glasses were on the roofs of the Ministry at Warschauer Bruecke on the two days. Most of the sentries patrolling the sector boundaries also had field glasses. 2

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9. On 22 July, a tent camp occupied to capacity by KVPs was seen in the southeast corner of Koenigsheide, north of Koenigsheideweg and west of West Strasse in Berlin-Niederschoneneweide. The camp consisted of 10 large house-tents and between 20 and 30 small tents. The troops seen there wore green or red collar 25X1

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Ration supply depots for the KVPs employed on guard and patrol duty were apparently established in these two barracks installations.

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- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Another source reported the planned transfer to Berlin of two infantry regiments from Pinnow and Droegeheide. [REDACTED] The transfer to the tent camp near Berlin of KVP stationed in Frenzlau was also reported. [REDACTED] It is believed that the KVP was concentrated in Berlin as a precautionary measure against new strikes and demonstrations.

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